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ISSUED BY: Bureau of Medical Supports,
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SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter E, *INCOME*, page 3, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to update the federal poverty level amounts for 2009 for Medicare Savings Programs income limits.

Effective Date

March 1, 2009

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter E, page 3, dated January 16, 2009, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

SSI-Related Income Limits

Legal reference: 20 CFR 435; 20 CFR 416 Subpart D; 441 IAC 75.1(3), 75.1(6), 75.1(12), 75.1(13), 75.1(17), 75.1(23), 75.1(25), 75.1(27), 75.1(29)“a,” 75.1(33), 75.1(34), 75.1(36), 75.1(37), and 75.1(39)

The monthly countable income limits based on SSI are:

Single Person	Couple	300%
\$674	\$1,011	\$2,022

Current poverty levels used for Medicaid coverage groups are:

Family Size	100%	120%	135%	200%
Individual	\$ 903	\$1,083	\$1,219	\$1,805
Couple	\$1,215	\$1,457	\$1,640	\$2,429

These amounts apply to coverage groups as follows:

- ◆ For qualified Medicare beneficiaries (QMB), the income limit is 100% of the poverty level.
- ◆ For specified low-income Medicare beneficiaries (SLMB), the income range is over 100% of the poverty level but less than 120% of the poverty level.
- ◆ For expanded specified low-income Medicare beneficiaries (E-SLMB), the income range is 120% of the poverty level but less than 135% of the poverty level.
- ◆ For qualified disabled and working people (QDWP), the income limit is 200% of the poverty level.

For Medicaid for employed people with disabilities (MEPD), net income for the family size is compared to 250% of poverty. (See 8-F, [Medicaid for Employed People With Disabilities: Family Income Less Than 250% of Federal Poverty Level](#), for extended listing of 250% levels and family size. See 8-C, [Household Size](#), for additional information about family size under MEPD.)

The Medically Needy coverage group does not have an income limit, although the applicant may have to meet a spenddown before eligibility exists. See [8-J](#).